

GALIEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GALIEN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Galien Township Zoning Ordinance, that the Galien Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 1, 2018, at the Galien Township Hall, at 103 Kiley, Galien, MI 49113 at 7:00 p.m.

The proposed zoning amendment would create Section 2.7 of the Zoning Ordinance, entitled “Marihuana Facilities by Special Permit as provided for by Section 3.13”. The new proposed amendment consists of sections 2.7(A) through 2.7(K). Section A gives the purpose of the Ordinance, which is to set forth the requirements for operation of a Medical Marihuana Facility in Galien Township. Section B defines terms in the Ordinance amendment, including the types of Marihuana Facilities allowed in the Township. These definitions generally mirror the definitions in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, being MCL 333.27101 et seq. Section 2.7(C) states that the types of facilities allowed in Galien Township are Grower Facilities, Safety Compliance Facilities, Processor Facilities, and Secure Transporters, and that these facilities are all subject to the requirements in the other sections. Section D requires compliance with all state & local medical marihuana laws; receipt of a special use zoning permit prior to receiving a permit for a Marihuana Facility; open inspections by the Township and State; quarterly inspections by code enforcement; and the effect of discontinuing a facility. Section 2.7(E) relates to how Marihuana Facilities in the Township operate; for example, dispensing and use of marihuana at the Facilities is prohibited. Other requirements include safety provisions; cleanliness and sanitation requirements; ADA compliance; requirements for only indoor growing and use; no display of marihuana products outside the enclosed building; disposal methods; filtration systems to contain marihuana growing odor; proper storage and disposal of marihuana substances; and a comprehensive security plan. The security plan would include cameras, storage and disposal of items inside the facility, an alarm system, mold prevention, an adequate ventilation plan, proposed electric usage, description of any toxic chemicals or flammable materials for the First Department, and an indemnification agreement for the Township. Section 2.7(F) allows a street sign for the facility with only the address on it. 2.7(G) contains details on where facilities can be located—not less than 1,000 feet from a school, church, or library; requirements for a detailed site plan, height restrictions, hours of operation to be addressed in the special use permit, lighting, parking, and other related requirements. Section 2.7(H) contains requirements specific to Grower Facilities. Section 2.7(I) contains requirements specific to Safety Compliance Facilities. Section 2.7(J) lists requirements for Processor Facilities. Section 2.7(K) lists requirements for Secure Transporters.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed at the Township Hall, or at www.galientownship.org, or by contacting the Township Clerk, Jennifer Richter, at 269-545-8143 during regular business hours after the publication of this Notice, and further, the proposed Ordinance may also be examined at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities or the need for auxiliary aids should contact the Township Clerk at 269-545-8143, or send correspondence to the Galien Township Hall, P.O. Box 246, Galien, MI 49113, not less than five days before the hearing.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Galien Township Hall, P.O. Box 246, Galien, MI 49113, by 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2018, in order to be included in the materials submitted to the Planning Commission for review.

Jennifer Richter, Township Clerk